



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 1374 - SB 1195

February 25, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004241):** Authorizes, in cases of death of a victim where compensation is desired for unreimbursed or unreimbursable funeral or burial expenses, the victim's aunt, uncle, cousin, or an individual related to the victim by blood to be eligible for compensation for reimbursement of funeral or burial expenses, under the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1976*, if there is no estate of the victim opened.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

#### NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-13-105(a)(4), a spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, and a spouse's parents or stepparents are authorized to receive compensation for unreimbursed or unreimbursable funeral or burial expenses if the victim does not have an estate.
- The proposed legislation would allow a victim's aunt, uncle, cousin, or an individual related to the victim by blood to also be eligible for compensation to be reimbursed for funeral or burial expenses.
- A total of 4,180 individuals received reimbursements from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund in FY21-22, excluding reimbursements for sexual assault forensic exams. It is estimated that, under current law, the number of individuals receiving reimbursement will be 4,200 in FY22-23 and 4,250 in FY23-24.
- The balance of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund was \$6,823,363, as of June 30, 2022.
- It is assumed the majority of funeral and burial expenses are incurred by individuals eligible to receive reimbursements under current law. Therefore, adding additional family members to the eligible list of persons will not result in a significant increase in reimbursements made from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; therefore, any increase in state expenditures is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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